

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

-v-

HAROLD THOMAS,  
a/k/a “Harry,”

Defendant.

No. 16-cr-522 (RJS)

FINAL ORDER OF FORFEITURE

RICHARD J. SULLIVAN, Circuit Judge:

On May 16, 2017, the Court entered a Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture as to Specific Property (“Preliminary Forfeiture Order”), directing the forfeiture to the United States of all right, title, and interest of Defendant Harold Thomas in \$38,336.25 that was recovered from Thomas at the time of his arrest. (Doc. No. 695.) Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n), Rule 32.2(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, and Rules G(4)(a)(iv)(C) and G(5)(a)(ii) of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions, the Preliminary Forfeiture Order required the government to publish, for at least thirty consecutive days, a notice expressing its intent to dispose of the \$38,336.25 and specifying the requirements for third parties to assert their legal interest in the property. (*Id.* at 6–7.)

The government published proper notice on an official government internet site for thirty consecutive days, from March 19, 2021 through April 17, 2021. (Doc. No. 1814.) Though more than thirty days have passed since April 17, 2021, no petitions or claims to contest forfeiture have been filed by any interested third parties, and Thomas is the only person known by the government to have a potential interest in the property subject to the Preliminary Forfeiture Order. (Doc. No. 1816.)

In light of these facts, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all right, title, and interest in the \$38,336.25 subject to the Court's Preliminary Forfeiture Order is forfeited and vested in the United States of America, which is deemed to have clear title to the property. *See* 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(7). IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the United States Marshals Service (or its designee) shall take possession of said property, disposing of it in accordance with 21 U.S.C. § 853(h).

SO ORDERED.

Dated: July 26, 2021  
New York, New York



RICHARD J. SULLIVAN  
UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE  
Sitting by Designation